



Date of Council Meeting: February 23, 2015

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Subject: Standing Residential Traffic Committee

Staff Contacts: Keith Markel, Deputy Town Manager

Council Action Requested: Informational Item – No Action Requested

Staff Recommendation: None

Commission Recommendation: Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact: If the Standing Residential Traffic Committee was reclassified as a Commission, the cost would be \$8,550 to fund the stipends for the members.

Executive Summary: At the request of Councilmember Hammler, staff was asked to provide information on the possible reclassification of the Standing Residential Traffic Committee from a “Committee” to a “Commission”.

Background: At Councilmember Hammler’s request, staff has researched the issue of reclassifying the Standing residential Traffic Committee (SRTC) to a Town Commission.

The SRTC was established by Town resolution in February of 2001. In April 2014, the SRTC was fully codified into the Town Code by ordinance. The group meets at 7:00pm on the 1st Monday of every month. As a committee, members do not get financial compensation for their service to the Town.

Staff has talked with Elizabeth Whiting, the longtime Chair of the committee, and Sandy Kane who is the Vice Chair. Neither of them felt there was a need to reclassify the committee to a commission at this time. The staff liaison to the committee is also not aware of any request by a member of the committee to reclassify the group. Ms. Kane said that she would be happy to add this as an agenda discussion at an upcoming SRTC meeting if the Town Council would like to pursue this issue. She is also willing to attend a Council work session if needed.

The issue of reclassifying the SRTC was last formally discussed at their November 2, 2009 meeting by Ned Kiley. Mr. Kiley felt that the group should expand their review to all traffic and transportation related issues not just residential traffic issues. However, Chairwoman Whiting spoke in favor of the existing committee structure which was successful. After discussion on these topics, a motion was made by committee member Kiley to set up a meeting between the committee and the Town Council to discuss expansion of the SRTC jurisdiction to all transportation network related issues with the Town. The motion failed with a vote of 2-6-1 and no further action was taken.

Attachments: None